

Church to Urge Disclosure Of C.I.A. Report in August

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WASHINGTON, July 15—Senator Frank Church, chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, said today that he would recommend that the committee make public in early August its report on Central Intelligence Agency alleged involvement in assassinations to avoid "piecemeal" disclosure of the contents in the press.

His statement appeared to put him in conflict with an earlier assertion by Senator John G. Tower, Republican of Texas, the committee's vice chairman, who said the entire Senate would have to vote on whether the report should be made public.

Mr. Tower told reporters that he believed the assassination report could not be completed before the Senate recessed on Aug. 1 and that its publication could not be considered by the Senate until the first week of September.

The two Senators, in separate briefings, said the White House and executive agencies would have a chance to review the report before it was made public. Mr. Church emphasized, however, that "this does not in any way mean we'll let the executive branch say what goes in or comes out" of the report.

Mr. Church, an Idaho Democrat, said the committee has the power to make the report

public without the approval of the Senate. Mr. Tower on the other hand, said it would take a "full Senate vote whether to make the material public and that 'we prefer that responsibility be on the full Senate.'"

Senator Church explained that the variance between his remarks and Mr. Tower's stemmed from the fact that the Texan was referring to an earlier plan. Mr. Church said that under the pressure of trying to complete the report, he believes the plan to present it to the Senate had to be abandoned.

Mr. Church said that the committee had not decided whether to include material gathered on the reported C.I.A. intervention in Chile in its interim report on assassinations or to make it part of a general report covering covert operations.

Some press reports have speculated that the agency might have been involved in a kidnapping and assassination of General Rene Schneider, commander of the Chilean Army, in October, 1970. According to authoritative intelligence sources, there was indication that the C.I.A. was dealing with members of a group that later kidnapped and killed the general, but, as one put it, "I don't see this as an assassination matter."